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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

CRISTI A. SANDONE, R.N. LICENSE NO. 26NR14495100

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**CONSENT ORDER** 

The New Jersey State Board of Nursing is charged with the duty and responsibility of regulating the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pursuant to the Nurse Practice Act, N.J.S.A. 45:11-23 et seq. and regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37-14.1 et seq.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-23, all homemaker-home health aides ("CHHA") are required to be certified by the Board as they are performing nursing tasks delegated by a licensed registered professional nurse. N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.2 requires that the registered professional nurse shall be responsible for exercising that degree of judgment and knowledge reasonably expected to assure that a proper delegation has been made including that a registered professional nurse may not delegate the performance of a nursing task to persons who have not been adequately prepared by verifiable training and education.

Cristi A. Sandone ("Respondent") holds New Jersey license 26NO09004600 as a Registered Nurse with the Board. Respondent was employed by Home Companion Care, LLC ("Home") in Turnersville, New Jersey as a Registered Nurse. Beginning with Home's renewal Board registration in 2008, and for every subsequent year thereafter until she ceased employment there in October 2011, Respondent was identified by Home as a Nursing Supervisor.

Through its investigation, the Board has determined that while serving as Home's Nursing Supervisor, Respondent engaged in multiple violations of N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.2 by failing to ensure that aides assigned to clients who required personal care were Certified Homemaker-Home Health Aides; failing to document that the care provided did not exceed the scope of the delegated tasks and procedures; and/or that the delegated tasks were performed in a satisfactory manner.

Given the above, the Board finds that Respondent has violated the statutes and/or regulations governing the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter, without any admissions of wrongdoing, and the Board, being satisfied that entry of the within Order obviates the need for formal proceedings, and being further satisfied that the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown

IT IS, therefore, ON THIS  $\frac{28}{2}$  day of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2013, ORDERED and AGREED that:

- 1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for violating the statutes and/or regulations governing the practice of nursing.
- 2. Respondent shall reimburse the Board's investigative costs and fees totaling \$4,312.64 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25(d). The payment of said costs and fees shall be

suspended provided that Respondent complies with the terms of this Consent Order and the rules and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey.

3. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Respondent has violated any term of this Order, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN, FAAN,

President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Cristi A. Sandone, R.N.

I hereby consent to the form and

entry of this Order.

JóAnn Pietro, RN, Esq.

Date: 5-21-13